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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 385

Chairperson: Patrick J. Bourne
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: March 11, 2005

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The DNA Detection of Sexual and Violent Offenders Act requires the State DNA Data Base to store and maintain DNA records related to: forensic casework, convicted offenders required to provide a DNA sample under the DNA Detection of Sexual and Violent Offenders Act, and anonymous DNA records used for research and quality control.

While it may be that samples relating to missing persons, relatives of missing persons, and unidentified human remains may fall into the category of “forensic casework” under the Act, LB 139 was introduced to specifically include these samples among the samples that shall be stored and maintained by the State DNA Data Base.

The reason for inclusion of these DNA samples is so that the Nebraska State Patrol would be allowed to use these DNA samples for quality assurance, training and research purposes related to human DNA identification after all personal identification is removed. The costs incurred in storing and maintaining these samples can be absorbed by the Nebraska State Patrol.

Principal Introducer:

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